

The Watchman and Southern.

RELIGION, MORALS AND PHILOSOPHY.

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MY NEIGHBOR'S BABY.

Across in my neighbor's window, With its drapings of satin and lace, I see 'neath his bowing ringlets, A baby's innocent face.

Denominational Bigotry.

We are told that a 'bigot' is one who is obstinately and unreasonably wedded to a particular religious creed.

Mean what it will, it amounts to a vice in many. It is exclusivism in its worst form. It robs piety of its beautiful spirit of charity and forbearance, and makes it the patron of intolerance.

And yet while we deprecate the vice, we must be carefullest we ourselves become bigots in our denunciation of it. There are some good reasons for our forbearance with the unfortunate ones.

1. A man raised in a certain faith is apt to die thus. It becomes a second nature to him, and the lessons of childhood and maturity so deeply root themselves within him as to develop the bigot.

2. By continuous indoctrination, he is led to know but one creed, and this is instilled into him incessantly, while, on the other hand, he remains ignorant of any other creed.

3. Further still, some are bigots by nature. They are not only so about their religion, but about their horses, or cows, or crops. Everything they own is better than what others own.

4. Then, too, the convictions of some are stronger than the same convictions in others, and in all this they are perfectly conscientious. They feel that any yielding or catering to the wishes of others would be insincerity and their devout dread of hypocrisy in themselves compels them to intolerance.

FUTURE RETRIBUTION.

We are often asked, says Professor Phelps, 'How can you bear to believe in an eternal hell? Why does it not craze you? How can you call such a God as can create a hell benefactor? To us he seems Satanic in his nature. Yes, your God is my devil.'

Whenever I go from my home to the city of Boston, I pass by a building which reminds me of the Castle of Giant Despair. It is constructed of heavy granite blocks to the very roof. It is surrounded with lofty granite walls, and these are surrounded with iron spikes.

I have been told that over against a certain window there, on the opposite side of the street, there lives a pale-faced woman who never smiles. Every morning she places on her window-sill a blooming flower, where a certain man behind those bars can see it, and can know that a loving woman is thinking of him.

Answer me this, and I will tell you what it is that sustains a benevolent universe in beholding, and a benignant God in devising, an eternal hell for the confinement of eternal guilt.

The question which all such suspicions of God's rectitude bring back like a boomerang upon the inquirer is, What else shall God do with eternal guilt? Shall he forgive it? Shall he, by one grand act of amnesty, proclaim liberty to the damned, to the devil, to his angels, and to men like them?

The late Dean Stanley is said to have rarely made a gesture when preaching. One day after morning service he asked his wife if she had noticed the intensity with which the congregation had gazed upon him during the sermon.

The springs at the base of the Alpine mountains are fullest and freshest when the summer sun has dried the springs and parched the verdure in the valleys below.

Francis Scott Key, author of 'The Star Spangled Banner,' is said to have written nothing else in verse worth remembering. All else, in prose or rhyme, is commonplace.

True glory strikes root and ever extends itself; but false pretensions fall as do flowers, nor can anything feigned be lasting.

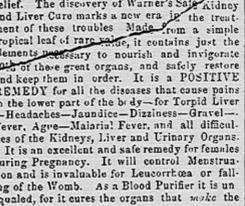
Living from Hand to Mouth.

The following extract is from the Sunday School Times: The lawyer lives from hand to mouth, who studies law only with reference to the cases he has in hand, careless of the wider reach of principle involved in them.

Only the waters in the ship can sink the ship; but while kept outside, all the heaving deep tendering over three-fifths of the globe can work no shipwreck. So, while kept outside the church, the floods of ungodly influence can only help to float it on its voyage of glory, or to lift it to its Ararat of rest.

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